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In re

Patent Application of

Daijiro Nakamura

Application No. 10/796,355

Confirmation No. 2283

Filed: March 9, 2004

Examiner: Richard M. Lorence

"POWER TOOL AND SPINDLE LOCK SYSTEM"

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**COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

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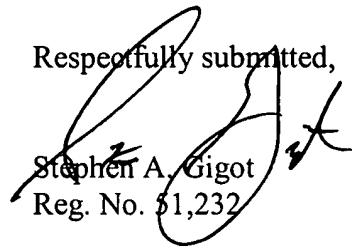
Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated January 17, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has identified only a few of the separate and independent reasons for allowance of independent Claims 1, 10, and 18 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 2-9, 11-16, and 19-21.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are allowable for additional separate and independent reasons. The independent claims (Claims 1, 10, and 18) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Similarly, the dependent claims (Claims 2-9, 11-16, and 19-21) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the formal drawings for the above-identified application.

Although not requested by the Office, entry of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested. The enclosed drawings should be used for printing in the patent.

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